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Mr. Reed Harris, Field Supervisor
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Dear Reed:

As you know, Central Utah Water Conservancy District is committed to utilizing the District's available water supplies for many different purposes, including those directly related to instream flows. An important part of the District's current and future dealings with instream flow interests is to always take a second look at how the system is being operated to determine if more fish and wildlife benefits can be realized without impairing the District's contractual obligations to deliver water to its contract holders.

In this regard, the Bureau of Reclamation and the District have coordinated with the Fish and Wildlife service this spring to provide water for the June Sucker. This has been accomplished by supplying water left over in Deer Creek Reservoir from the Deer Creek Strawberry Exchange (DCSE) Provo River minimum flow program and releases of Jordanelle Reservoir storage water. Recovering the costs for the DCSE minimum flow water through water sales was forgone in order to provide it for June Sucker flows. Much more important from a CUP operations point of view is the providing of storage water from Jordanelle Reservoir for June Sucker flows. An estimated 3000 acre-feet of storage water from Jordanelle Reservoir has either been released or forgone for the June Sucker this spring.

Jordanelle Reservoir is currently under very restrictive filling operations that require a hold elevation without reservoir draw-down in order to monitor dam instrumentation and performance. In this light, it is important to limit the amount of water released from the reservoir that results in a reduction of the reservoir contents.

The District is committed to making every effort to help with the needed June Sucker flows, and it has carried out this commitment this year. Releases will continue to be made, if needed, through Friday June 24, 1994, at 3:00 p.m. After that time Fish and Wildlife Service will need to make other arrangements for

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minimum flows from other water users. Please be aware that the Provo River Water Users Association has already foregone over 3,000 acre-feet storage of Weber River import water conveyed to Utah Lake in order to provide requested reduced flows in the Provo River. The reduced flows were requested by Fish and Wildlife Service in order to set the June Sucker traps. This has reduced PRWUA's available water supply for the year and may affect its ability to exchange the Utah Lake Storage water for Deer Creek storage water for the coming year.

We hope the District's and other's efforts have been of help this year. Please contact Richard Tullis or Daryl Devey if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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